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Investigator: Richard Martinez

Priority: Respond Within Five Days

Opinion No. 2015 - 122059

Date: 4/22/2015

Complaint Description: 08A Rate Case Items - Opposed
N/A Not Applicable

Complaint By: First: Christopher C. Last: Ward

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State: AZ Zip: 85635

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Utility Company: Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Division: Electric

Arizona Corporation Commission

Contact Name:

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Nature of Complaint:

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Sir,

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I am requesting that my comments be submitted in reference Docket#E-01575A-15-0127. I am requesting that my comments to SSVECs waiver be submitted for all commissioners/reviewers to see.

I will state I am for looking for alternative solutions that could result in the reduction or impact to our environment.

I am opposed to SSVEC's request for net metering waiver. Those that have installed systems and have invested in our future energy needs should not be pushed aside. The strategy that SSVEC has engaged in is less than honest and undermines our trust we have.

1. The intent to seek a waiver for net metering was not disclosed nor solcaillized with the customer base. Although there are articles talking about solar at no time did these articles led towards any type of solaciazion or customer request for input. Although SSVEC ststed they did notify their customers, by that time it was too late. I recevied notice thru the mail that SSVEC was seeking waiver for net metering. only days after SSVEC submitted their request to AZCC. This gave us customer no segway to SSVEC to viece our concerns. Why were they not up front about this process of filing the petition?

2. it looks as if SSVEC proposes to be the sole provider of electric (solar or not). SSVEC wants to build their own solar array, however this implies they do not want the public producing energy, although the public helped them meet the Green mandate. It seems now that their intent, now is to cut these same customers out that has invested in the future. This deceptive busines practice now shows it true colors and now is apparent that SSVEC wants to monopolize the generation and sales of electric, putting the customer in a position that is NOT beneficial.

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3. SSVEC claims they pay retail prices for solar produced by members: Not sure this claim is totally true. Maybe they are referring to credits; meaning the credits they post to a solar customers account is reimbursable at the same rate as they are billing that customer for usage. But what about the additional power produced back to the SSVEC grid, they are paying wholesale rate and getting a return on that rate by more than 300 percent. My system produced more power than I consumed, last year alone 2.7megawatt, I am sure they sold that power at a retail rate.

4. SSVEC states that there is cost to system infrastructure maintenance and transmission of power. Solar customers pay little to nothing for the use of the poles and wire. Early last year SSVEC raised their meter fees ... rationale: to defray the costs of infrastructure. We do pay a meter fee, and we are charged taxes for energy use even when the use results in a credit. SSVEC does not address the potential of the cost savings to SSVEC in reduced transmission.

5. According to the notification document, Solar customers only make up 2% of the total customer base and implies we are free loading on the other 98%. Are we talking about 2% of the customer base demolishing SSVEC's profits, and negatively impacting their ability to operate? This needs to be challenged.

In summary: SSVEC deceptive and underhanded approach in requesting a waiver for net metering is a slap in the face to the user/consumer for wanting to do the right thing and investing in their future. All other customer under SSVEC had the same opportunity as I did, and they chose not to invest for whatever the reason, we should not be punished for investing in our future.

Please do Not approve SSVECs waiver to NET Metering

Sincerely,

Christopher C. Ward
End of Complaint

Utilities' Response:

Investigator's Comments and Disposition:

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Emailed to the Phoenix ACC office for docketing.
FILE CLOSED.
End of Comments

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